

ALLEGED CONFESSION BY WAITE ADMITS KILLING JOHN E. PECK

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
NEW YORK, April 2.—What reports to be a formal confession by Dr. Arthur Warren Waite that he murdered his father-in-law John E. Peck of Grand Rapids is printed this morning by the New York World. The confession is said to have been contained in a letter sent to the newspaper by Waite. Accompanying it is another letter signed by Waite, in which he is quoted as saying Waite desired to make his statement "to unburden his soul somewhat from the heavy load upon it as the only thing he could do in atonement."

The letter said to have been signed by Waite follows in part:
"I have been informed that I have been indicted for the crime of murder in the first degree. I know the punishment is death."

"The indictment is just and the penalty is one that I deserve, for I have killed John E. Peck."
"I have thought and thought while lying in my bed here in the hospital. I have gone over all the incidents of the past few months of my life and I have made my peace with my Creator. I now desire to make atonement

for the wrong that I have done."
"It is a terrible grief to me that I have brought obliquely upon my wife and upon the name of my good parents and made my brothers to grieve as they do."

"I am relieved to make this, my confession."
Mr. Duell is quoted as having said he did not advise against the publication of Waite's letter. He is declared by the World to have authorized the statement that Waite had confessed to him that his murder plan included "the killing of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Peck, his wife (Mrs. Arthur Warren Waite) and any one else who should happen to stand between him and the Peck millions."

"It is only just for Dr. Waite to state," Mr. Duell is quoted as saying, "that he does not now have realization of what he has done, in my opinion, and in the opinion of others, who have visited him since he was taken to Bellevue hospital. I have said that no defense would be made on the facts."

"Defense conceded the murder of Mr. Peck. Therefore, as his counsel I have permitted him to make the statement he did."

SMALL PORTION OF VOTERS OUT FOR PRIMARIES

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SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—Registration for the presidential primary or May 2 closed tonight throughout California. While complete reports from the 58 counties will not be available for several days, indications based on the showing of some of the larger voting centers, were that only a nominal interest had been taken in the forthcoming election.

In San Francisco and Los Angeles the "undeclared" registration amounted to one-third of the totals, while in Oakland the "undeclared" element was almost two-thirds of the registration total, unofficially reported as close to 115,000.

Los Angeles, city and county, has shown the largest registration, 263,774 voters having declared their intention of participating in the primary. Alameda county was second with 115,000 and San Francisco third with 110,235. Kern county reported 18,000 voters, San Joaquin county about 20,000, and Fresno county 23,574.

At Los Angeles
LOS ANGELES, April 1.—Registration for the city of Los Angeles and Los Angeles county for the May 2 primary at noon today when the books closed, was 263,774. When outlying towns have reported, probably by Wednesday, Thomas McAleer, county registrar, said, the total probably would be 290,000.

Party declarations were as follows:

	City	County
Republicans	72,237	28,445
Progressive	8,074	5,419
Democratic	23,727	13,375
Socialist	6,123	2,575
Prohibition	4,255	7,991
Not stated	59,094	29,091
Miscellaneous	666	243

Totals 173,096 96,678
Registration in 1914 was 304,719 in the city and 127,413 in the remainder of the county. Tabulation of men and women has not been completed.

At Fresno
FRESNO, Cal., April 1.—Fresno county registration at presidential primary closed tonight with the following totals:

Republicans	7,739
Democrats	6,612
Not designated	6,232
Progressives	1,232
Socialists	952
Prohibitionists	786
Total	23,574

Oakland, Too
OAKLAND, Cal., April 2.—George Gross, clerk of Alameda county, announced tonight that although he would not have the final count before next

INTERMOUNTAIN RATES CASE IS NOW UP AGAIN

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The celebrated intermountain rates case, begun in 1911 and disposed of three years later in the supreme court, was reopened today by the Interstate Commerce Commission on petition of the Spokane Merchants' Association and the Nevada railroad commission. Hearings will begin here April 24 and a decision will be rendered as speedily as possible.

The case involves the railroads right to charge higher rates on a wide range of commodities, including many staples, from Atlantic coast cities to points west of Denver than are charged on the through haul from coast to coast. Pacific coast points now enjoying low through rates to the disadvantage, it is claimed, of intermediate points between Denver and the Pacific, are San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Vancouver, and San Pedro, the port for Los Angeles.

Radical changes in transportation trends, due mainly to the war in Europe and the closing of the Panama Canal by slides have eliminated competition between transcontinental railroads and steamship lines, the petitioners assert, so that there no longer is any justification for discriminating greatly against interior points on the plea that such competition has to be met.

The interstate commerce commission has conducted a preliminary investigation of this claim and its results are said to have shown there was some ground for the contention. The chief claims investigated were:

Their traffic between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts by way of the Panama Canal has ceased for months because of the closing of the canal and that when it is resumed the number of vessels engaged will be greatly reduced;
That steamship rates have increased greatly since the war started and that rates via the canal will be so high, when traffic is resumed, as to make competition with the railroads negligible.

That present all-water traffic between Atlantic and Pacific coast points, diverted to the long cruise around South America, is inconsequential in volume, high in cost, unprofitable in operation, even at prevailing rates, and affords practically no real competition with the transcontinental roads;

That maintenance of lower through rates from coast to coast works to the disadvantage of points in the interior intermediate country.

1915. The Queen Elizabeth has been heard from during the Dardanelles operations. Beyond this, however, little is known, and there is rarely a reference to these formidable ships, although it is officially definite they were completed at the times stated, and must now be somewhere afloat with their formidable 15-inch batteries. These ships were not primarily the ones under discussion in the recent debate, as they are completed, but the Queen Elizabeth was referred to as the type of later ships around which the debate really centered.

Two more capital ships of the Queen Elizabeth class were provided in the 1914 estimates, namely, the Agincourt and the Renown; and two more of the Royal Sovereign class, with slightly less tonnage, namely, the Repulse and the Resistance. The first two were to be 27,500 tons, the others of 25,750 tons.

All were to have 15-inch main batteries with 12 to 16 6-inch guns, anti-air guns, etc. The Agincourt was to be built at Portsmouth, the Renown at Fairfield, the Repulse at the Palmer yard, and the Resistance at Devonport. These were part of the ships under discussion in the debate. Except for the foregoing known information as to their armament, size, power, etc., nothing more is known of them, officially or otherwise, and quite properly as a matter of necessary reserve.

All that is known is that the Agincourt and her big sister ships were provided for, but no further reference has ever been made of them.

Five more big new dreadnoughts were provided in 1914, namely, the Royal Sovereign, Royal Oak, Resolution, Ramilies and Revenge. These have since become known as the "Royal Sovereign class." The capital ships were to be of 25,750 tons, with eight or ten 15-inch main guns and 12 six-inch. The first two, the Royal Sovereign and the Royal Oak, were actually completed, the first at Portsmouth in December, 1915, and the Royal Oak at Devonport at the same time. The Resolution, Ramilies and Revenge, were, according to the last information permitted in Jayne's summary, building at the Palmer, Beardmore and Vickers yards, and to be completed in

MUST CUT PRICES IN MEXICO CITY OR BE PUNISHED SEVERELY

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

MEXICO CITY, April 1.—General Pablo Gonzales, the military commander here, issued a warning tonight to the merchants of Mexico City and surrounding towns threatening punishment of the most severe and most exemplary form should they persist in maintaining the high scale of prices which has been effective during the past month. The warning is to be published in the press tomorrow and spread over the walls of the city in the form of circulars. The circular says:

"Since the first chief of the constitutional army in charge of the executive power has preoccupied himself with the situation which the people of Mexico face because of the excessive and unjust rise in the prices of first necessities, he has instructed and authorized me to act with the minister of the interior and the governor of the federal district to relieve the grave situation. Ordinarily these headquarters concern themselves wholly with military matters, although they have been cognizant for some time of the grave economic conditions facing the people."

"Now that the first chief has ordered it, headquarters will relieve the people who have been driven almost to desperation because of the high prices asked for the necessities of life. Headquarters, as always, wishes to respect the rights of merchants and see that they receive just profit for goods sold, but will vigorously oppose inhuman speculation if this warning fails to remedy the existing evils."

"Business now has an opportunity to demonstrate its honor and patriotism. All aid and guarantees will be extended to those who are disposed to act for those who continue their work of obstruction the most severe penalties are in store."

The economic situation which is causing much concern prompted a decree tonight signed by General Carranza abolishing the use of all revenue stamps of less than five cents denomination. The government also issued a decree allowing the free importation of crude petroleum from the United States through the following ports of entry:

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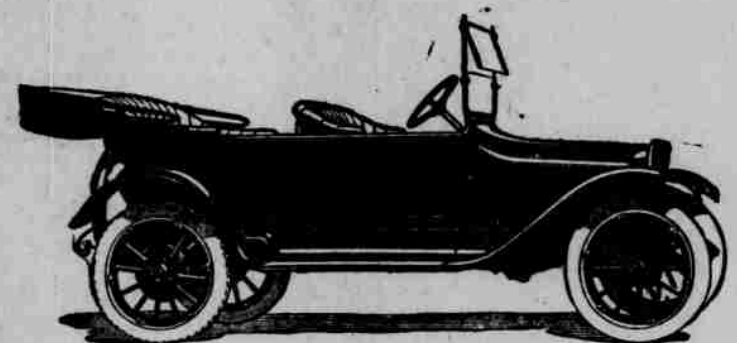
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ENGINEER IS BLAMED FOR WRECK OF THREE NEW YORK CENTRAL TRAINS

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 1.—Blame for the New York Central wreck at Amherst last Wednesday in which 28 were killed and 40 injured was placed on Herman Hess, engineer of the second section of train No. 86, which crashed into the first section while running 50 miles an hour through a dense fog, by D. C. Moon, general manager of the company in an official statement issued tonight.

The fixing of the blame, says Mr. Moon, was determined by the railroad's own investigation and corroborated by the evidence adduced at the hearing conducted by the I. C. C. and the Ohio Utilities Commission which ended today.

The joint federal-state investigation has been concluded but their findings will not be made public until later.

PREMATURELY FOUND DUMMY

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., April 1.—James Hurley who is serving a 15-year sentence from Stockton for burglary made an unsuccessful attempt to escape from the state penitentiary here today by leaving a dummy to represent him in his cell and then hiding in the Jute mill where there are no guards at night and from which escape would be a simple matter of wall scaling.

The dummy was discovered before the 5 o'clock lock up and a short search led to Hurley being found under a pile of sacks.

Hurley was one of the leaders of the San Quentin bread riots in 1912 and in the 1912 escape from the prison and enjoyed his liberty for a month when he was recaptured at San Jose.



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Twenty-two of the popular songs of the month, two on a record, all are 10 inch, at 75c, including The Lights of My Home Town, by Harris, You're the Best Little Mother That God Ever Made, by Brennan, I Love You, That's One Thing I Know, by Gilbert, etc., etc.

Six new dance records, including three lively medleys, four of them by the Victor Military Band, and two by the Victor Dance Orchestra. Good-Bye and Off in the Stilly Night, sung by Werrenrath is the month's only Blue Label record. It is a double twelve inch record, at \$1.25.

Humorous Specialties include "To My Dog" and "Mickey the Pum Pum Man," by Billy B. Van, and two funny Golden and Hughes numbers.

In the musical comedy successes are selections from "Around the Map," "So Long, Letty," "Sybil" and "Very Good, Eddie." The famous Blue and White Marimba band's first numbers on the Victor are Marimba

march and Columbia Waltz. This is fascinating music. All who visited the Panama-Pacific exposition remember the Marimba music.

Two Yodeling duets with guitar are offered in the April list, also another brand-new novelty in two very pleasing numbers played on the cembalo, a unique Hungarian instrument.

Pietro offers two new accordion selections, and the McKee trio renders a Neapolitan song and a Mexican serenade.

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To this I say that I have been a resident of the valley for more than nine years and have voted at every election during that time, and in seeking the office am making no untrue or disparaging statements against others.

I ask you to consult your own interests and not mine at the coming election. Should I be elected, there is no reason why I cannot serve you and will.

Yours,

Wm. E. Kimsey

March 31, 1916

Scottsdale, Arizona

CALIFORNIA WILL MAKE EFFORT TO RAISE EMBARGO ON ALL FRUIT

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—An effort to cause the raising of the British embargo on fruits in the interests of growers of California will be made soon by Isidro Jacobs, president of the California Canneries company, who announced tonight that he would leave San Francisco next Tuesday for the east and that he would sail from New York on the Holland-American liner Rotterdam on April 27.

Before going to Europe Jacobs intends to appear in Washington before the congressional committee having the shipping bill in hand to present resolutions endorsing its passage, by the Canners League of California and by the Waterways Association of California.

"I have arranged for a conference with Secretary Lansing regarding the English embargo on canned and dried fruits," said Jacobs tonight. I received recently an official copy of the embargo. It was dated March 19 and made the embargo effective and complete on March 12. The proclamation does not mention any date for a resumption of trade.

"The situation generally presents very disastrous features and will be a serious blow to the fruit industry of the state."

In view of the fact that the canned and dried fruits in Great Britain practically will be exhausted before the summer is over, according to Jacobs information, he feels that the present embargo will be modified soon.